number of fatalities in road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Council had made several recommendations for implementation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when all the recommendations are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (e) The National Road Safety Council has not so far set any target to bring down the fatalities in road accidents in the country. However, a draft of a National Road Safety Policy, aimed at to bring down the number of fatalities in road accidents to 25,000 by the year 2001 A.D., was placed before the National Road Safety Council, at its meeting held on 21st January, 1993 in New Delhi. After discussions, the Council recommended setting up of a 9-Member expert group which would in the light of the discussions/suggestions made at the National Road Safety Council Meeting and after receiving further suggestions from State Governments/National Road Safety Council Members, finalise the draft Road Safety Policy paper. The expert group has been set up and has been asked to submit its report within a period of three months. The group is to submits report to a Sub-Committee of the National Road Safety Council set up under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Surface Transport which would finalise the same for consideration and adoption at a special meeting of the National Road Safety Council, later this year.

Fleet of Tankers with Shipping Corporation of India

1954. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total tankers fleet with the Shipping Corporation of India and how many of these tankers are over fifteen years and the number of crude carriers which are over 10 years old; and

(b) what plans have been formulated by Government to replace the old ageing tankers and crude carriers in a phased manner keeping in view the rising demand for sea worthy vessels ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The Shipping Corporation of India has 39 vessels in its tankers fleet. 8 tankers out of these are over fifteen years old and 14 crude carriers are over ten years old, including 10 which are more than fifteen years old.

(b) During 8th Plan period the Shipping Corporation of India has formulated plans to replace 16 old ageing tankers.

Allocation of funds for development of National Highways during 8th Plan

1955. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the Projects sent by the State Governments for the development and improvement of National Highways in the country during the Eighth Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the projects sanctioned by the Union Government and the funds provided to each State Government stating the time by which the funds would be allocated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Proposals for the development and improvement of National Highways involving an estimated cost of Rs. 13349.64 crore during the 8th Plan have been received from the States as detailed in the Appendix. Details of projects sanctioned during 1992-93 (upto January, 93) and funds allocated for these works as well as continuing works are also given in the Statement attached.